

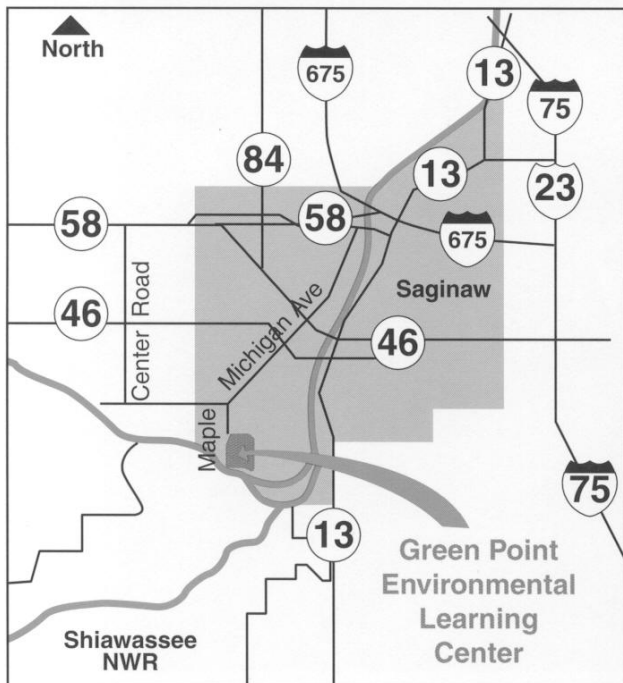
All programs begin at 7:00 p.m. at:
Green Point Environmental
Learning Center
3010 Maple Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

Sponsored by the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and Friends of Shiawassee
National Wildlife Refuge

2012 Nurturing Nature Wednesday Series

The first six months...

Admission \$2 per person, all ages
FREE for members of Friends of the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge



Directions to Green Point Environmental Learning Center

From points north and south via I-75

Take the I-675 exit. Follow I-675 and take the Michigan Ave./Davenport Ave./M-58 exit. Get onto South Michigan Avenue and head south (towards the hospitals). Proceed on S. Michigan for almost 3.5 miles. Turn south (left) onto Maple Street and proceed 0.5 mile. Veer left at Gabriel Road. Green Point is located on the right side of the road.

From points west via M-46/Gratiot Rd.

Take M-46/Gratiot to South Center Road. Turn south (right) onto S. Center Rd. and proceed 1 mile. Turn east (left) onto West Michigan Avenue and proceed 1.5 miles. Turn south (right) onto Maple Street and go 0.5 mile. Veer left at Gabriel Road. Green Point is located on the right side of the road.

The Flourishing of Fringed Orchids January 4

The Shiawassee National Refuge is a participant in the work underway to restore the endangered Eastern Fringed Orchid within Michigan and five other states. Zac Gilna, a temporary technician at the refuge and a wildlife biology undergrad at the University of Michigan-Flint, explores the challenges of the project.

Wildlife in South Africa February 1 (Date Change)

Ann Bierman, a longtime member of the Friends of the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, worked on two hand-on volunteer projects in South Africa – dealing with lions, tigers, birds, flowers and trees. She shares her adventure in a slide presentation.

Talking Turkey March 7 (Date Change)

Eric Dunton, a wildlife biologist at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, will explore one of the greatest wildlife conservation success stories in the history of North America – the rebounding of wild turkeys from low populations at the end of the 1800s to millions of them today.

Animal Skull Investigator April 4

You don't have to be a crime scene investigator to identify a skull you find while out on a walk or digging a hole in your backyard. Janea Little, a senior naturalist at Midland's Chippewa Nature Center, will show how each animal species has a unique skull and, using clues from the size, number and type of teeth, eye holes, brain cavity and other characteristics, you can determine what you have found.

Ephraim Williams, Pioneer Fur Trader May 2

Ephraim Williams arrived at "The Forks" of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa Rivers in 1828 to reopen a trading post as an agent of the American Fur Company. For the next 12 years, he and his brothers were leading traders in the Saginaw Valley. Step back in time as Kyle Bagnall, manager of historical programs at Midland's Chippewa Nature Center, presents a costumed, first-person program based on the life of Ephraim Williams -- tales of a family caught up in the War of 1812, establishing a farm in an unbroken forest, trading with Native Americans and building the first sawmill in the Saginaw Valley.

Researching Deer on the Refuge June 6

Stephanie Longstaff, a Michigan State University graduate research assistant and biological technician at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, will discuss how white-tailed deer are impacting the plant community at the refuge and what this means in terms of ecosystem health. She will discuss how her research will help with conservation efforts and current management techniques.

July – No Program

August – No Program

September-December – Programs not yet chosen

For information about other programs, please visit our website at www.fws.gov/midwest/shiawassee.